

BUSINESS RESEARCH ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

Agenda for the Fall BRAC committee meetings, October 19 and 20, 2005

The schedule below shows the dates and times for all individual committee meetings to be held October 19 and 20, 2005. All of the meetings will be held in the Conference Center of the Postal Square Building, 2 Massachusetts Avenue, NE, Washington, DC.

Wednesday - October 19 (Conference rooms 2 & 3)

10:00 - 11:30 a.m. - Committee on Productivity and Foreign Labor Statistics

1. Technical revisions to the major sector productivity and costs measures
2. Update on multifactor productivity releases
3. Industry productivity trends
4. Study of international hours of work data
5. NAICS conversion of international comparisons of hourly compensation costs in manufacturing component industries
6. Discussion of agenda items for the Spring 2006 meeting

1:00 - 2:30 p.m. - Committee on Prices Indexes

1. Treatment of Housing in the CPI
2. Status update on the PPI service sector and non-residential construction initiatives
3. Discussion of agenda items for the Spring 2006 meeting

3:00 - 4:30 p.m. - Committee on Compensation and Working Conditions

1. New Sample of Areas Selected for the National Compensation Survey (NCS)
2. New NCS product: Interarea pay comparisons
3. Match bias in Employment Cost Index and Employer Cost for Employee Compensation (ECI/ECEC) imputation
4. Update on ECI changes and development
5. Additional items as raised by the members
6. Discussion of agenda items for the Spring 2006 meeting

Thursday - October 20 (Conference rooms 2 & 3)

8:30 - 10:00 a.m. - Committee on Employment and Unemployment Statistics

1. Status of BLS proposal for revisions to the Current Employment Statistics (CES) survey, including dropping the collection and publication of women workers data
2. Pilot CES supplemental survey on temporary help and leasing. We are looking for feedback on our draft questionnaire and for topic suggestions for other CES supplements.
3. The relationship between firm growth and worker flows: research using Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey (JOLTS) microdata
4. Discussion of agenda items for the Spring 2006 meeting

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Council Meeting

1. Council Chairperson's address
2. Commissioner's address

1:30 - 3:00 p.m. - Committee on Occupational Safety and Health Statistics

1. Results from the 2004 Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries
2. Update on special survey of employer Workplace Violence Prevention policies
3. Research on injury, illness, and fatality rates
4. Internet collection -- 2005 experience and plans for 2006
5. Research into injury, illness, and fatality data for special populations
6. Updates -- schedule of next news releases; budget status
7. Discussion of agenda items for the Spring 2006 meeting

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